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Lorie Liebig photo

Neon Trees lead singer Tyler Glenn sings to Salisbury University students during Gullfest on Sunday afternoon.

Alternatives rock on

Up and coming alternative rock band Fools For Rowan, pop duo Karmin and pop-rock band Neon Trees performed at SU's Gullfest Sunday.

BY ALEXANDRIA YOUNG Staff Writer

Despite initial negative student reactions, Gullfest seems to have garnered good reviews this year.

The three-band concert, held last Sunday on the Intramural Fields, was talked about with some skepticism earlier when students felt event orchestrators in the Student Organization for Activity Planning were

ignoring their musical tastes. Alternative rock band Fools For Rowan, pop duo Karmin, and alter-

native and pop-rock band Neon Trees were chosen for the line-up even though most students voted for a hip-hop/rap artist for the concert.

Erin Mullins, lead singer of Fools for Rowan, fed off her bandmates' energy as the Nashville group kicked off the concert. They performed several songs including "Burnt Around the Edges." Mullins encouraged the audience to pick up their free EP at

the band's tent. Students moved closer to the stage when Karmin, including singer Amy Heidemann and pianist Nick Noonan, started their set. The engaged duo performed "I Told You So" and "Coming Up Strong."

The audience cheered with excitement when they performed their cover of Chris Brown's "Look At Me Now," which has over 60 million views on YouTube.

Heidemann's fast-paced rapping, animated facial expressions and dance moves hyped up the crowd. The audience clapped and sang along to their hit single "Brokenhearted,"

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Debate on access to birth control wages on

BY ELLY ROWE Staff Writer

From the time American activist Margaret Sanger coined the phrase "birth control" in the 1920's to the 1960's when "the pill" became the most popular form of contraception in the U.S., prescribed to approximately 8.5 million women in 1969, it could be assumed that by the presidential election of 2012 the debate about birth control would have long since faded.

But in fact, what the presidential election of 2012 has really shown is just how prevalent the issue of birth control continues to be decades later.

"Clearly there are always times when it (birth control) is contentious or an issue but it seems to be that in the last year or so it has really become a hot button issue" said Sarah Case, a history professor at Salisbury University.

Controversy over the Obama administration's funding requirement for birth control in the new healthcare plan has sparked what was once thought to have been an age-old battle involving contraception.

At first, the Obama healthcare plan required all employers to cover birth control costs directly in their healthcare plans. In light of recent protests from religiousaffiliated employers Obama compromised on the grounds of moral objections.

With the passage of this bill religious-affiliated institutions are now exempt from this requirement by refusing to fund contraceptives directly through employee healthcare. However, if they refuse, they are required to refer their employees/students to someone who will at a relatively

Students, faculty and staff at

Salisbury University could all be greatly affected by the outcome of this bill.

Luke Tompkins, a 20-year-old junior at SU voiced his opinion on the subject.

"Being a guy it wouldn't directly affect me but obviously if birth control were to become available on campus a lot more girls would

"We want women to have safe access to what they need. Just like a mammogram. Would we deny women that basic right? From a

women's rights standpoint this bill would be hugely beneficial." - Jennifer Berkman, administrative director of Student Health Services

Payge Jennings, a 19-year-old sophomore at SU is involved in many religious-affiliated extracurricular activities such as Young Life and CRU, as well as being a member of Oakridge Baptist Church. Her outlook on birth control availability is somewhat nonchalant.

"I wouldn't really care unless there was a riot," Jennings said. SU's Student Health Services currently provides birth control services for many students through their own individual health care.

For students without healthcare trying the pill for the first time, Student Health Services usually

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District's US House primary decided by 82 votes



Wendy Rosen, US House candidate, campaigns on the Eastern Shore the week before the April 3 Democratic Primary. Rosen won by a razor thin margin of 82 votes out of more than 25,000 cast in the primary, making it the closest primary in the state.

BY STEVEN CENNAME Staff Writer

After one week of recounts, US House of Representatives candidate Wendy Rosen has been declared the winner of the Democratic primary for Maryland's 1st congressional district over opponent John LaFerla.

Rosen won by a razor thin margin of 82 votes out of more than 25,000 cast in the primary which was held on April 3, making it the closest primary in the state. Rosen will face incumbent Republican congressman Andy Harris in November. Harris was un-Submitted photo opposed in his primary.

Rosen declared victory on the night of the primary, but LaFerla did not concede because he thought the margin was much too small to declare a winner. All absentee ballots were counted over the course of the week after the primary. While LaFerla

did slightly close the gap, it was not enough to

change the outcome.

After the recount was completed and the results finalized on April 12, LaFerla conceded defeat and encouraged all his supporters to stand behind Rosen in the general election.

"Our main objective is to fire Congressman Harris," said LaFerla. "Rosen and I agree on many issues that are and will remain vital to the future of our district and our nation and I will do everything I can to make sure Wendy Rosen is elected."

Rosen graciously accepted LaFerla's endorse-

"I look forward to working with John as we join forces to flip this seat from red to blue, from Harris to Rosen," the nominee said.

She went on to say, "There is a long road ahead. I get the feeling that the second leg of this race won't be as clean and respectful as the

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Student Activism Club wins \$2,500 in video contest



Amanda Libby photo

SGA members tallied audience votes in Holloway Hall before proclaiming SU's Student Activism Club the winner of the university's "Big 6 Social Change" contest April 9. the first inning of play against the Delmarva Shorebirds, Tuesday.

Money to go toward building a clean water well in Africa

BY AMANDA LIBBY and ERIN TRAYLOR Staff Writer and Editor-in-Chief

Salisbury University Student Activism Club members won \$2,500 April 9 by taking part in the university's "Be the Change" video contest.

The contest required participants to submit an original video promoting justice, fairness, a cause, or a philanthropy. First, second, and third place were awarded

\$2500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, with at least 40% of winnings going to the organization's charity or cause.

Other participants included Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Squawkapella. All of the Student Activism Club's win-

nings will go toward building a clean water well in Africa, through the non-profit organization charity:water.

The contest winnings comprise half of the \$5,000 total needed to build the well. The group will attempt to raise the remaining money needed by hosting a charity concert called Gullstock April 30.

"This project is something we really want to inspire everyone to be a part of,"

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Rising tides threaten Delmarva Peninsula

BY RAMIN GOUHARI Staff Writer

An insightful yet alarming presentation of the Delmarva Peninsula's past and potential future was given last Thursday night presented a variety of maps to by Associate Professor of anthropology Elizabeth Ragan.

Ragan detailed the Chesapeake region's anthropological history and geographic significance while explaining that rising tides have significantly changed the surrounding areas for years.

Ragan described how the bay area was hit by a meteor 35 million years ago which gave the Chesapeake its unique characteristics. Glaciers from different ice ages continued to contribute to the bay's layout and for the last

18,000 years the sea level has steadily been rising.

Perhaps what is most alarming is that recent data shows an annual rise of three to four millimeters per year. Ragan's PowerPoint nity accept that global warming support estimates that tides may raise by at least two feet by the end of the 21st century.

"The western parts of the Delmarva Peninsula will be eroded," said Ragan. "The marshlands which have long served as a storm buffer from tropical storms and hurricanes will no longer be there

and storms will now hit directly." Though Ragan's presentation details the most likely scenario, some scientists predict a rise of 20 feet, making Salisbury a beach- very serious for a lot of people front town. These doomsday sce-soon."

narios have been examined by sciof Greenland could melt raising worldwide sea levels drastically

Most in the scientific commumay be the cause of the accelerated rise of levels. Ragan explained how carbon dioxide levels are already at such a point that should climate change be responsible, damage control may be fu-

Some in attendance were surprised by how serious a threat rising tides could present. "I knew tides were rising but I thought they went back down, too," said long time Salisbury resident Alice Winterbourne. "This could be

Regardless of how people in the ing tides, Ragan hopes that by communicating facts and data, people will ultimately gain a much needed sense of awareness. "It is happening now, so awareness and planning are really the only things

Ragan's lecture was enlightening yet cautionary to both students and residents of Salisbury. Ragan concluded by explaining that the people of the Delmarva have long adapted to rising tides and will continue to adapt whether they



04/15/12 12:20 a.m.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION Chesapeake Hall resident assistant reported a noise violation. Upon arrival SUPD officers observed numerous students in possession of alcoholic beverages. Students were issued citaions for underage possession of alcohol.

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building.

04/15/12 3:30 a.m. ALCOHOL VIOLATION tudent found in possession of an alcoholic beverage near Pine Bluff medical center. Student



BY STEVEN CENNAME

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Photos by Amanda Libby

"I had too much homework to

- Molly Centore, freshman

Health

insurance

mandate is

constitutional

The biggest Supreme Court case this year (or maybe even this decade) will determine the fate of the individual mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The individual mandate is the part of the president's health care bill that requires everyone to buy health

It is quite amusing that the Republican Party is trying to convince the Supreme Court that the mandate is unconstitutional since the individual mandate for healthcare was originally a Republican idea.

proposed in 1993 by Republican enator John Chafee of Rhode Is land to counter former President Bill Clinton's goal of providing all Americans with universal health care by forcing employers to provide coverage to their employees through regulated health maintenance organizations or HMOs.

Chafee, along with other Republican Senator Bob Dole, wrote a bill that proposed that universal healthcare be achieved by mandating individuals to buy health insurance,

which is the individual mandate. Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, Republicans of all kinds supported this mandate, including Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney. However, once Obama supported the mandate too, the Republican establishment flip-flopped and now all of a sudden detests the mandate. Republicans were for the mandate and now they

are against it. The Republican Party is now attempting to argue that the individual mandate is unconstitutional because they think that it violates the Commerce Clause, under which Congress has broad authority to regulate

interstate commerce. The Republican Party is arguing that requiring people to buy something from a private company that they may not want to buy would be too overreaching of the federal government. However, the preamble of the

"I didn't know the bands that

Karen Suckling, freshman

were playing.

Overheard: Why didn't you go to Gullfest?

Constitution states that a responsibility of the government is to "promote the general welfare." Mandating people to buy health insurance in order to have affordable health care is promoting the general welfare since it is almost inevitable that a person will need

their lives. The Constitution gives Congress power to regulate interstate commerce, and health care services are a big part of interstate commerce, since costs are about 20 percent of the country's gross national product.

health care services at some point in

The purpose of the mandate is to achieve lower costs by having many families pay less in the form of premiums to subsidize the costs of those who receive care without insurance. Without the mandate, the insurance companies would be unable to provide care to those with preexisting conditions because they would not have young and healthy customers who are less likely to need their services in the immediate

This way, if a person ever gets sick, they would not have to worry about paying extremely high hospital bills if they did not have insurance, but instead would be covered because they have been paying for the insurance throughout their lives.

There have been many presidents before Obama who issued mandates for goods many people did not want to buy. George Washington issued an individual mandate when he was president requiring every citizen to buy a gun to protect themselves from the British if they ever attacked again.

The mandate was later repealed, but if Obama wanted to reinstate that same gun mandate I seriously doubt that the gun-toting Republican Party leaders would ever try to make the case that it is unconstitu-

Regardless of the Supreme Court's decision, one should know that the only reason this law is being challenged is because of pure politics. This is the last hope for challengers to get the law repealed in the event of an Obama reelection.

This Supreme Court case is just a desperate attempt by the Republican Party to dismantle the president's health care law so they can hurt his record and go back to pursuing their own agenda.

The Gym Crowd



"I wouldn't pay to see Karmin."

- Devin Davis-Massey, freshman

EDITORIAL

BY ABIGAIL COLBY Party Girl Problems Columnist

Spring seems to be a blessing and a curse for most college stu-While the warm weather is al-

ways an instant bad mood reliever and summer is just around the corner, this time of year comes with its share of responsibilities as well. While Uggs and sweatpants are

packed away under the bed, the reintroduction of sundresses and lacrosse pinnies to the everyday wardrobe means the average student's workout intensity reaches its yearly high. And while frequent gym visits

prove to be an awesome way to get your body in top shape, be on the lookout for these four gym characters when you make your next appearance at Maggs or

The Vocalist: This bro has had his double dose of creatine and is looking to reach a new max today, and he wants everyone in the gym to know it.

Among the grunts, weight drops and bursting veins, this guy will either encourage you to amp up your usual work out or get a medic on speed dial. Regardless, it's a safe bet that this guy came prepared with every new Skrillex and Dubstep release and tweeted something to the effect of "#getting swole after class" or something else loosely based on a Jersey Shore season three quote.

The Bike Queen: Alright, we all know this girl. She took about 40 minutes to get ready for her 20 minute cardio session, and while her color coordinated pastel sports bra and spandex is truly adorable, odds are no one is recruiting this one for a marathon anytime soon.

"It didn't feature the bands we

Jessica Escobar, sophomore

voted for."

While it is important to acknowledge anyone's commitment to bettering themselves, the Bike Queen usually expels more effort adding motivational fitness quotes to her Pinterest board than she does on her actual workout, which usually consists of lackadaisically peddling a stationary bike on Level 3, hoping to gain a peachy post-gym flush without actually naving to break a sweat.

The Runner: The runner is the most straightforward and least irritating of the gym character family. This person comes to the gym for one reason and one reason only, to run.

While many of us approach the treadmill with anxiety and terror, the runner only has eyes for the most beastly of all the cardio machines. While jogging next to someone who is on her eighth mile and shows no signs of stopping may cause a non-runner to feel inadequate, embrace this cardio room staple and let her endurance encourage you.

The Post Break-Up: With a combination of Taylor Swift, Adele and Pink blaring in her ears, this gal is ready to take over the world and take down any male that comes within a 10-foot radius. Her one and only mission is

to let whichever guy screwed her over know that he just made the biggest mistake of his life, and she's willing to go to great lengths to achieve this satisfaction. The girl will stop at nothing to get the best out of her work out. using the powerful endorphin rush from exercising to counter-

act the bruise that what's-his-face left on her ego. If you happen to be part of the enemy species and have the unfortunate luck to encounter the post break-up at the gym, you should be afraid. Very afraid.

"I don't listen to the Neon Trees. - Shane Bellinghman, junior

ROSEN

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primary competition." Rosen will now face an uphill battle to unseat Harris. The redistricting process in Annapolis has made the 1st district

more Republican friendly. This is because the Democrats in Annapolis drew the redistricting map in a way that hurts Maryland's only other Republican representative, 86year-old Roscoe Bartlett, by making his 6th district much more Democratic-friendly.

In order to do this, they redrew the 1st district to make it the only Republican leaning district in the state. In the newly-drawn 1st district, registered Republicans outnumber registered Democrats by about 16,000. The old 1st district had an even number of registered Democrats and Republicans. Both candidates need to remember that the newlydrawn district also has a great num-

ber of registered independents. The very thin margin of victory in the primary shows just how much a person's vote matters. Both parties' primaries experienced record-low

"This slim margin and low turnout tells us that citizens, particularly young people, need to understand that their vote does have a great impact," said Rosen. "College students are very important to our message and our campaign. A key to winning

said Student Activism Club President, James

Townsend. "By the end of the semester I would love

to be able to say that the entire campus came together

and changed the lives of people in a community a

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offers samples of different brands abortions and ultimately emoto save students the expense of a tional as well as physical turmoil pricey prescription. For students without healthcare already on the pill, SU's Student Health Services refers them to other healthcare providers in the area including Planned Parenthood of Salisbury and the Wicomico County Health Department Family Planning

For Administrative Director of Student Health Services at Salisbury University, Jennifer Berkman said the possibility of restricted access to contraceptive services would be hard to wrap her head around.

"These are huge issues," Berkman said. "We want women to have safe access to what they need. Just like a mammogram. Would we deny women that basic right? From a women's rights standpoint this bill would be hugely beneficial."

If students, faculty and staff were not allowed access to these contraceptive services through the cost.' school and had to pay out of pocket, the percentage of women

for many women.

"Would we rather be looking at the cost of an abortion as well as the emotional issues that go along with it or even the lifetime maintenance of a child? Or the cost of birth control that prevents all of that in the first place?" Berkman

Morgan Pulsifer, a 20-year-old sophomore at SU knows from experience how beneficial this bill could be not only for herself but other students as well.

"I think it's important that universities support birth control because it is such an essential part of many college students lives," Pulsifer said "it would make my life so much easier if I had access to birth control directly through the school. Luckily, there are other places in the Salisbury area such as Planned Parenthood that make birth control more easily accessible for students at a low

The Obama healthcare bill requiring birth control coverage using contraception would almost continues to draw attention from definitely decrease, resulting in an all sides of the controversy. While increase in unwanted pregnancies, birth control seems to be a dying

To donate money for the Student Activism Club's

charity:water, go to www.mycharitywater.org/salisbury.

charity water fund, or to learn more about

dential election this year gives voice to its relevance, 52 years after its invention.

issue its importance in the presi-

The Obama healthcare bill and its stance on birth control coverage widely affects the way students, faculty and staff not only at SU but at universities around the nation receive healthcare.



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Words of Wisdom: In High School I procrastinated a lot, that doesn't work in college, especially with much more challenging courses, having two jobs and being heavily involved in research. To myself from procrastinating, it helps to plan everything ahead of time and keep a checklist of things to do each day to stay on task.

Nominated by: Dr. Mazzetti



Major: Psychology

Hometown: Elkton, MD

Words of Wisdom: Try to pursue every opportunity that comes your way. No matter how relevant the extracurricular activity is it will always help broaden your horizon and add to your skill set.

Nominated by: Dr. Osman

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Grilled portabella mushroom seasoned with diced tomatoes, feathered mozzarella and fresh basil served on a warmed kaiser roll. Served with a side of colesiaw and a 16 oz. fountain soda.

Jerk-seasoned chicken breast, red onion, pepper jack cheese topped with pineapple and served open-faced with lettuce and tomato on a warm kaiser roll. Served with Cajun French fries and a 16 oz. fountain soda.

melted between two slices of grill-pressed sourdough bread alongside a 12 oz. cup of tomato soup. Served with homemade chips and a 16 oz. fountain soda.

I'll wait until you're done laughing, too."

Gullfest. ...I'll wait until you're done laughing, too. This year's Gullfest was a joke, as is any concert

that starts at four in the afternoon or any concert headlined by the Neon Trees. In an effort to make this nonsensical event a "good time," I did what I usually do to make things better and proceeded to get drunk with my

This is something I've done literally over a thousand times at Salisbury University; however, today changed my perception of this school and of local law enforcement.

So we drink. Then we walk

We get to the entrance of the intramural fields. I'm with my friends and I'm wearing my Canadian basketball jersey, holding my megaphone, and I have a mohawk (I feel like that is a factor). They inform me I will not be able to bring my megaphone into the event. I gladly oblige as long as they agree to keep an eye on it. As I hand over my ticket I get pulled aside and here's how the conversation went:

Cop: "Sir, how much have you had to drink Me: "Just a few beers. What's the problem?"

Cop: May I see your ID? (Pulls out a breatha-

Me: (Laughing, I hand him my ID) Cop: "Ok Sir, this is a field sobriety test. Please blow into this and don't stop until I tell you." Me: "Oh, you think this is my first breatha-

Cop: "Please, sir, just do as I say." Me: "Stop calling me sir, it's making me uncom fortable." (I proceed to blow into the breatha-Cop: Ok....and....stop! (Looks at the reading

Me: Did I break it?

Cop: "No, Sir...I mean (my name) you blew a .075 and you are not allowed in." Me: "Isn't that below the legal limit?" Cop: "Sir, we are going to call Saferide for you.

They'll take you home.' Me: "Why would I need Saferide if I'm 23 years old and below the legal limit? Besides, I live across the street. So with your permission, officer, I'll take my chances on the road."

Cop: "uhhmmm..." Me: (Picking up my megaphone) "Have a good day officers."

So I got kicked out of a free concert for being less-than-legally-drunk before I even get in. I feel betrayed by Salisbury University.

What did I learn from Gullfest? I learned the only thing more laughable than a degree from Salisbury University is a badge from Salisbury Police Department.

error, please email us.

Correction: In the April 10, 2012 issue of The Flyer in the article "Student Group Plants Garden, Cultivates Hope" the last quote in the article was incorrectly contributed to Kelsey Grant. The quote was actually from Marisa Cooke. It should also be clarified that the group raised a total of \$803.

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Letters to the editor | In response to the April 17 editorial titled "Staying safe at SU can be simple"

Dear Editor -

I am writing this in response to the article titled 'Staying safe at SU can be simple."

My initial thoughts after I finished reading it were complete disgust and anger. How could the staff writer belittle the actions of his own fellow student a weekend night. who was the victim of a traumatizing attack only a week ago?

I thought it was extremely cruel and completely out of line to write and publish the content of this feel safe on campus due to the presence of blue lights and patrolling University Police officers.

The student was attacked no further than 100 feet were in any grave danger. away from the nearest blue light and the police stacommon sense, it was the criminal.

The student was merely the victim of a brutal crime that could happen to anyone at any time. An attack on her intellect is unnecessary.

This article also fails to mention how the student handled herself in the aftermath of the attack; she sought out the police, which then lead to the capture of her suspected assailant. It was implied in the

article that the student may have been intoxicated. which is complete hearsay; not once was the state of mind of the student that night mentioned in the emails sent out by University Police.

It is certainly not fair or respectful to assume she was inebriated. Shockingly, not everyone is drunk on

It is perfectly reasonable to assume that the student may have simply been walking back from the garage, another location on campus or from work. In my time working for Saferide, I saw many stuarticle. It is a well-known fact that many students do dents walking around campus alone at odd hours of the night and watched as University Police officers walked or drove past them clearly not assuming they

An article after a crime such as this should consist tion. If there is anyone in this situation who lacked of congratulating the police department for its successful efforts in properly handling the situation and capturing the criminal, and offering the victim of the crime, a fellow student, our support and sympathy during this difficult time.

- Marina DiMattia, junior

Dear Editor -

In response to Russell Gertsch's going home with someone. simple"

Month.

In reference to your comments ciated with it. assault into thinking this was her survivor? and rape her.

issue of sexual assault, no one 6070. should ever blame the victim.

Walking by yourself behind - Becca Edwards, junior Maggs Gym at 2:30 a.m. is not an invitation to be sexually assaulted.

EVER. Neither is being drunk, wearing a revealing outfit, or even

started the Campus Against Vio-It seems increasingly appropriate lence Peer Educators program and to discuss this issue being that the League of Extraordinary Gen-April is Sexual Assault Awareness tleman who combat the issue of sexual assault and the myths asso-

about the sexual assault attempt Victims of sexual assault (atbehind Maggs Gym on March 31, tempted or otherwise) often deal whether you realize it or not, you with depression, anxiety and are shaming this victim of sexual shame. What are you saying to this

fault, instead of the fault lying with

If you are a victim of sexual asthe perpetrator that chose to try sault, please know that it is NOT YOUR FAULT and contact Coun-When dealing with the delicate seling Services for help at 410-543-

In response to SGA's The Big Event held April 14

Dear Editor -

A beautiful spring morning dawned on Salisbury this past to participate in beautification projects. Students helped

Before the morning was out, I joined 600+ Salisbury University students and President Janet Dudley-Eshbach for the opening ceremonies, in Red Square, for the eighth Annual Big Event.

Over the course of the day those hundreds of SU students arrived at dozens of locations in and around the City senior citizens, the Zoo, our City Park and so many other

The members of SU's Exercise Science Club helped my neighbors and me as we raked and mulched Johnson's Lake Playground and as we partnered with Perdue, Inc to clean

Yet, the 10-year-olds didn't

seem to care about the rating ei-

ther. They think they are mature

they clearly aren't.

enough to handle the content, but

During this film, I could over-

hear the kids sitting behind me

up the banks of Johnson's Lake.

Though no monetary amount could be put on this SU SGA effort, the students made Salisbury look and feel like a million dollars. So I offer, on behalf of our citizens, a thank you to SU, the SU Student Government Association, and President Dudley-Eshbach for the eighth Annual Big

- James Ireton, Jr., Mayor, City of Salisbury

Texting can cost money and lives



BY AJIA ALLEN

Driving restrictions are estab-

ished for good reason. Most people would not oppose the law when it comes to traffic signals or crossing pedestrians. Yet somehow, many drivers admit to ngaging in distracting behaviors

According to drinkinganddriving.org, among the 16-24 age group, nearly all fully licensed or provisionally licensed drivers text or use handheld devices while on the road. There is also an increase in the reports of Driving Under the Influence Violations among

this young generation of drivers. It can almost be inferred that those included in this age range do not value life.

The careless attitude that comes along with free-spirited youth is a problem for the millions of other drivers susceptible to possible car accidents.

It takes one very brief moment of distraction to end the lives of

It's frustrating to be pulled over and given a ticket. So usually all precautions are taken to avoid these consequences, but cell phones are frivolously whipped out for use on highways and at

Maryland's most recent legislation regarding the issue apparently has not put enough fear into drivers' hearts.

Somehow a possible \$500 fine for the use of handheld devices while driving is overlooked by many college students as if expenses weren't already a major dif-

Paying attention while texting is difficult when one is simply walking around. It is then many times more dangerous to lose focus when operating a thousand pound potential wrecking ball with constant changes happening around it. No amount of driving skill can prevent a collision once distractions are allowed to take place.

The word accident shouldn't apply if you knew what you were

People have to be reminded of the simple things, especially when that simple thing is so significant. The options to help avoid this issue are simple: purchase a Bluetooth, wait until you have arrived at the destination to use the phone or ask passengers to send messages for you.

Drivers are responsible for every life on the road, and each driver would expect the next to have that same mindset.

Consideration for human life must always be taken into account when behind the wheel and not substituted for attention given to a text message

-THE HUNGER GAMES-

PG-13 RATING IGNORED **BY PARENTS**



DI KUSSELL GERISCH Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, "The Hunger Games" has been out in movie theaters across the world. It has topped the charts for the past few weeks and when I went to see it, I was a little surprised when I saw a dozen 10-year-olds

in the movie theatre. If you have ever read the trilogy, you would know that these books are intended for adults and an interview with scholastic pubyoung adults. It is in no way geared toward 10-year-olds. This is not another "Harry Potter" or

'Twilight." These books are filled with con- them. Parents are not doing anystant violence and some pretty bloody and terrifying situations. No 10-year-old should be reading

So this makes me ask, why are there 10-year-olds seeing this movie? Well most of the kids were brought there by their parents, who have no idea what the movie is about. They have never what would be in this movie.

The movie rating, which is PG-13, seems to be completely ignored by the parents. The last time I checked, PG-13 meant that anyone under 13 shouldn't watch like the bad guy, but sometimes it because of violence, sexual content or inappropriate lan-



commenting on how they had no clue what this movie was about, how they thought it was "gross" when the two main characters kissed and how they thought there was a lot blood. I am sorry, but when you are

still talking about kissing being gross, you are not mature enough to be watching gory battle scenes either. The movie has this one particular bloody and gory scene, which even made me go "wow," which made me second guess the rating it was given.

The author of "The Hunger Games," Suzanne Collins, said in lishing that she wrote the trilogy to be dark because children are desensitized to violence as information is so easily available to thing to stop their exposure but instead blame the creators of

such content. Take some more responsibility for what your kids are watching. And the next time they end up in detention for fighting, you can blame yourself and not anything

If you have a younger sibling or read the books or even researched a child, and they are talking about going to see a movie, take some time and seriously consider doing some research and then think about actually telling them no. Maybe you don't want to seem you need to be.

most challenged in libraries in the

The placement was given to the book by the American Library Assomany complaints about the book 'satanic" in recent months, as the film based on the novel hit theaters.

books banned are. in 2008 and has since climbed bestdifferent languages. If you didn't think the book was dangerous until now, it means you did not read said book. You probably didn't even see the movie either, but are just paying attention to all the media hype

around the movie's release. read a book before they charge it

While it is wrong to ban books,

In fact, the books brought us closer together as a family because we both went to see the movie together when I came home from school.

If someone can't be bothered to read a book before they charge it

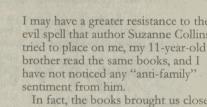
the occult in children, then they are probably ing any decisions about what people can read.

"The Hunger Games" is a book geared toward young adults. It does have a lot of violent and dark moments, but so does every television show that kids stare at for hours at a time. I watched violent movies as a child and have yet to feel the urge to kill. I watch violent movies with my them become any more aggressive

Children aren't influenced simply thing simply as entertainment, then

which is a difficult but important

they are helping America by comthey're pretty good.



with inspiring worship of not qualified to be mak-

younger siblings and have not noticed than they do after playing Call of

If you tell a child that they shouldn't if you let them read or watch some-

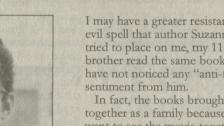
So to all of the people who think plaining to libraries about the books;

READ BEFORE YOU RATE



The popular "Hunger Games" trilogy has recently been placed at num-

ciation. The organization has received being "anti-ethnic," "anti-family" and how stupid the people who try to get



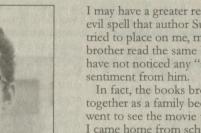
BY PETE HICKS

Editorial Editor ber three on the list of books that are

What this fact can show America is

If someone can't be bothered to with inspiring worship of the occult in children, then they are probably not qualified to be making any deci-

there are some things that children



"The Hunger Games" was released

books should be taken from the scious urge to worship the devil. And while as an educated college student,

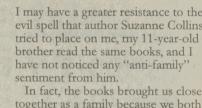


seller lists and been translated into 26

sions about what people can read.

shouldn't be exposed to. Certain shelves if they are not meant for the age group that has access to them. However, as someone who read "The Hunger Games" and saw the movie, I can honestly say that I have not become the victim of a subcon-

I may have a greater resistance to the evil spell that author Suzanne Collins

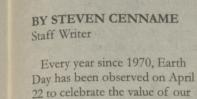


Duty for a few hours. by what they see; they are influenced by how things are presented to them. read a book or watch a movie, it gains greater significance in their mind. But

they will see it as entertainment and nothing more. Plus, if you let a child read a book, then you got a child to read a book,

thing to do. calm down and try reading them,





celebrate

Earth Week to

environment

natural environment. Instead of just celebrating Earth Day, Salisbury University will be celebrating Earth Week from April 22-28. Earth Week will consist of a number of activities focused on

environmental issues. Earth Day began as an environmental teach-in called for by the late Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. The teach-in was held at every university in America and has since spread worldwide.

SU has been observing Earth Day annually since its inception 1970 and has since turned it into a week-long experience.

SU has observed Earth Day annually since its inception and has since turned it into a week-long experience focused on teaching students about sustainability, environmental responsibility and the fact that we are all stewards of the

Earth. The first event for Earth Week is an eco-friendly tour around campus starting at noon in Fireside Lounge on Monday, April 23. The campus tour will teach students how eco-friendly SU is and will include examinations of The

Commons, dorms, etc. Tuesday of Earth Week is Recycle Madness in Red Square. Collect as many recyclables as possible, sort and clean them out, and bring them to Red Square between 11 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

ciation is running Recycle Madness and will be collecting all things recyclable including aluminum, tin, glass, plastic, paper and cardboard. SGA's goal is to collect as many recyclables as possible in the four-

The Student Government Asso-

hour period. If you bring three pounds or more of materials you are promised a "special prize." Recycle Madness is a RSO recognized event. The RSO who brings in the most recyclable materials will receive a prize of \$100, and the RSO who brings the sec-

ond most will receive \$50. Getting green for going green is a pretty good deal. SGA stresses that they will not accept bags of recyclables that have not yet been sorted unless

you are willing to sort them your-

Wednesday's event is a showing of the 2009 documentary "Houston, We Have a Problem." The film will be shown in Per-

due 156 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is about the controversies surrounding the conflict between the oil industry and the environment in America. The movie examines America's crack-like addiction to oil and con-

tends that the country must embrace green energy initiatives to have any hope of energy security. Reviews of the movie say that the director, Nicole Torre, takes a liberal environmentalist's point of view, but that should not dissuade you from attending the screening. Regardless of your views on the issue, going to see the movie will be an educational and informative

is the celebration of Earth Day on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of events on this day with something for everyone including games, crafts, activities, presentations and more. Local vendors will attend to promote the event as well as RSOs and environmental studies classes.

This week long celebration of

the environment reminds us that a

needs to be preserved not just for

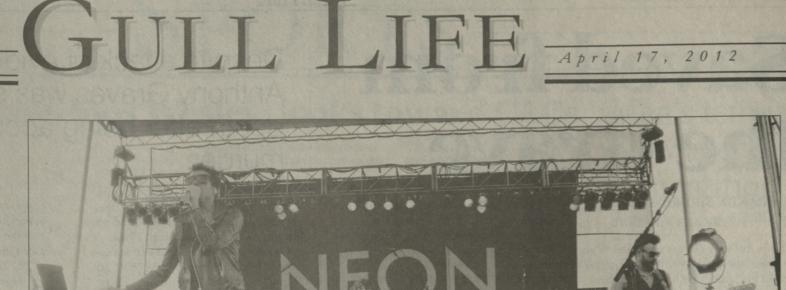
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The largest event of Earth Week

experience.

our generation, but for every generation that comes after us. We are not the only species on Earth, and this celebration encourages us to abandon anthropocentric views of the environment in

favor of biocentric views.





From top: Gullfest headliners Neon Trees perform during their set on Sunday, Singer Amy Heidemann of Karmin sings, opening act Fools for Rowan pump up the Salisbury University crowd.

come to Salisbury after he said more and swung the microphone cord

Continued from Pg. 1

to hear play on the radio. Karmin ended the performance with during the set. He spoke candidly to "Crashed Your Party." "The band was sick, said junior songs with stories including one

was her favorite of the three be- buying him Chipotle before the concause of their chemistry. One member of Karmin said the Audience members danced and SU audience was among the first to chanted the lyrics, "I got these

ter were negative about the Gullfest "Teenage Sounds" were some of

which Karmin said she was happy the songs the band performed. Glenn had raw vocals and attitude the audience and lead into some Kelly Chiles, noting that the group about a girl on campus named Trixie

hear new music from the band's up- habits that I cannot break," along coming CD that will debut on May with him during the song "Sins of My Youth." Last to perform was Neon Trees. Glenn startled some of the audi-The lead singer, Tyler Glenn, told ence members with his energy as he the audience he was frightened to jumped up onto his keyboard stand

than 80 percent of tweets on Twit- around his neck; Neon Trees ended the concert with their radio hit "Animal," getting "Everybody Talks," "1983," and everyone to sing and dance along.





M.J.Henry photo

sides weren't extraordinary; after all,

eggs. However it was decent and fill-

ing and for the price, there's no way

you could beat it. As for the rest of

the menu, you can't go wrong. Sage

has an entire list of breakfast entrées

for under \$10, including a selection

In addition to the great price, the

though a bit impersonal. The waitres

failed to make any sort of conversa-

awhile, but my waitress delivered the

check before I completed my meal,

and the speedy comings and goings

rushed. Another downfall is that they

do not offer free refills, but tap water

Beyond of all this, it's always nice

to eat at a place like Sage Diner be-

cause it is a local establishment. It is

and it is important to support places

like this. Anyone would be wise to

pay Sage Diner a visit and see what

amazing deal you might stumble

truly sustained by the community,

tion or banter; I wanted to stay

of diners made me feel a little

is always free.

of omelets and various other pair-

service was prompt and attentive,

sausage and eggs are just sausage and

Price: \$5 - \$15 Location: 917 S. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, MD Gull Card: Yes

Sage Diner at 917 S. Salisbury Blvd.

BY M.J. HENRY Dining Reviewer If there's one thing students are in

search of, it's a good deal.

sweet one during my quest for a late morning breakfast. Sage Diner is a humble establishment on Route 13, complete with mirror tiling and a cabinet full of homemade cakes and pies. After being seated, placing my drink order and scanning the menu, the waitress presented the day's specials. This included a two-pancake, two-sausage and two-egg deal for an incredible

Last week I stumbled upon a pretty

advantage of. The pancakes were the star of the meal, as they were thick and fluffy and were only enhanced by the slab of butter I spread over them. The

\$2.99, which I didn't hesitate to take

Part 1: "Romneycare"

Health Columnist The 2012 presidential election is quickly approaching, as Republican nominee hopefuls slowly drop out of the race. The contenders that remain as of April 12 are Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul.

One of the most controversial

issues of this year's election is

health care reform. President

BY SARAH WOODS

Barack Obama's health care reform law is currently being investigated by the U.S. Supreme Court to determine its constitutionality. Until the Supreme Court comes back with its decision in two or three months, the rest of the presidential candidates are

care in the U.S. Mitt Romney, the current front-runner in the Republican primaries, has come under attack by his fellow Republicans for the health care law that was passed in Massachusetts during his term as governor. His opponents say that the Massachusetts health care law is too similar what conservatives have dubbed "Obamacare."

taking the opportunity to pres-

ent their own ideas for health

Romney says that instead of the 2010 health care reform law presented by President Obama, he will implement federal "policies that give each state the power to craft a health care reform plan that is best for its own citizens. The main difference between

Romney's health care plan and President Obama's is that Romney's plan leaves most of the decisions and regulations up to state government instead of the federal government. According to Romney's campaign website, the three main goals of his health care regulations would be to "restore state leadership and flexibility, promote free markets

and fair competition, and em-

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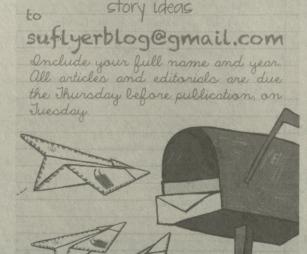
Republicans on the most conservative end of the scale claim that Romney's health care plan is still too "big government" because it would empower states to impose mandated health insurance on their residents, just like Massachusetts did. "Romney signed government-

mandated health care with tax-

payer-funded abortions," said one Newt Gingrich campaign ad against "Romneycare." "Romneycare" is the most reminiscent of "Obamacare," with several key differences. As

coming weeks.

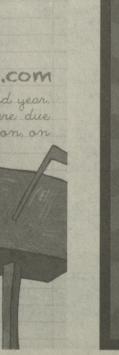
the front-runner in the Republican nominee race, it is likely that "Romneycare" will come under increased scrutiny by Republicans and Democrats alike in the



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Salisbury University's women's

won a match yet this year to im-

The Sea Gulls did not lose any

matches in the win and collectively

only gave up one game throughout

the entire match. Wind and rain

Athletic Conference.

tennis team made quick work of a

Wesley University team that has not

prove its record to 5-1 in the Capital

Saved from the Grave

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN Gull Life Editor

When Anthony Graves was asked to go to were reading him his rights. the police station in 1992, he was baffled but assured his family that he would be back right away.

Little did he know, his life would be changed forever.

Despite a complete lack of evidence, Graves was sentenced to death for murder and spent the next 18 years behind bars.

Graves appeared at Salisbury University last Wednesday to share his story as a victim of judicial politics in Somerville, Texas. He called students to action, asking them to be aware of the reality of America's judicial

"I never, ever thought it would be me," Graves said. "And you don't either. But I guarantee you, at some point, you will be affected, either directly or indirectly (by the death penalty)."

Graves explained that six people had been murdered, four of whom were young chil-

The police picked up a suspect, the father of one of the children. The man happened

to be an acquaintance of Graves and gave his name to the station randomly. The next thing Graves knew, the police

"They had a name and no evidence, but that was all

they needed ... (The prosecutor) was not seeking justice; he was seeking to secure his job."

After being kept in jail for over two years, Graves was finally given a trial. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. Graves had been prosecuted due to the

- Anthony Graves

community's demand for justice. "They had a name and no evidence, but that was all they needed," Graves said. "(The these things are done in your name. So I enprosecutor) was not seeking justice; he was

seeking to secure his job." The man's effort to secure his job forced

Despite a lack of evidence, Anthony Graves was sentenced to death after being accused of murder.

Graves to sacrifice everything. He was brought to Texas's Death Row, and was treated "like an animal" for 12 years.

One day, Graves was told that his case would be overturned, and he could go home. But it wasn't that simple. He remained behind bars for the next four years as the authorities continued to search for evidence to re-convict him.

Graves was finally saved by his own supposed enemy: the new prosecutor. The prosecutor was the first person to actually examine Graves' case. As soon as she saw the facts, she moved to have the case dismissed and Graves, after nearly two decades of imprisonment, was finally sent home.

has spent the past two years rekindling his relationship with his family, earning a college degree and raising awareness to students about the reality that many Americans face

"Whether you want to or not, you have a role in politics," Graves said. "As a citizen, courage you: get involved."

Many students were moved by Grave's

Sophomore social work major Jennifer Schomburg said he made her look at capital punishment, a topic she had never given much thought, in a new light.

"We have such faith in our country that we forget that those who are in the criminal justice system are humans and naturally sinful," she said. "We can't put them on a pedestal just because they are a judge or prosecutor...Who are we to play God?"

According the Texas Execution Information Center, there are currently 318 people on Death Row in Texas, and there have been 208 executions in the past decade.

But there is some hope. Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy has announced that he will sign His life has been changed forever. Graves a bill outlawing capital punishment in his state. Less than an hour after Graves' lecture, Malloy appeared on The Rachel Maddow Show and said his opinion on the death penalty changed after he tried and defended several murder cases.

"I see both sides' arguments, but this is not something that as a society we should be doing," Mallow said in the interview, noting that the U.S. is one of the few industrialized nations that still uphold the policy.

Campus fights back against sexual assault

BY JOHN TULLY

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month arrives on the heels of the March 31 attempted rape of a Salisbury University student by a 19-year-old male on campus, who has since been arrested and charged by the police, and the Campus Against Violence Program is using the opportunity to raise awareness for the causes of sexual violence and

reach out to those affected by it. Take Back the Night is the biggest event hat CAV facilitates," said sophomore Krystal maldson, a peer educator for Campus gainst Violence. "There has been great suport by the student body and faculty alike for Take Back the Night) and we hope that this ear will be just as successful as previous

e CAV website calls Take Back the Night

Welcome to

"a night of compassion, remembrance and support as we honor survivors of sexual assault through personal stories, music, performances, a candlelight vigil and march," to be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico

"Events like Take Back the Night empower survivors and bring awareness to others about sexual violence," said Kathleen Scott, director of the Campus Counseling Center. "Other events and programs provide education to students about the definitions and prevalence of sexual violence, how to become effective bystanders in the prevention of sexual violence and refuting myths and misperceptions about sexual violence."

Not everyone, however, believes such events are all that effective in negating the causes of

'I do not think that events like (Take Back the Night) are very helpful in reducing sexual

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assault because, honestly, I am under the impression that most of the attendees of such events are either victims themselves or friends of victims, consequently making them already knowledgeable in ways of avoidance of such misfortunes," said senior Adora Bowman.

"Events like Take Back the Night empower survivors and bring awareness to others about sexual violence."

- Kathleen Scott, director of the Campus Counseling

Donaldson emphasized not just the several

awareness months that CAV brings to SU in addition to sexual assault awareness (domestic violence in October and stalking in February), but also classroom presentations designed to reach a broad demographic

"If we can impart our knowledge to a diverse group of people then we can encourage and teach them how step into a situation when they come across other people who may be exhibiting sexual violence or have misconceptions," Donaldson said.

According to the Department of Justice in 2010, one out of every four women will be victims of sexual assault during the duration of their college career.

For more information about CAV, see their website at http://www.salisbury.edu/counseling/cav/index.html

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Writers on the Shore:

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Saturday, 4/21

Guitar Festival 9:30 a.m.

5 p.m.

way out of a slight jam after Miller had given up three runs in the seventh to get the save. "That double play was very im-

fourth save of the year.

the sixth proved to be the difference in the tightly contested pener. Joey Jones added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to bring home pinch-hitter Nick Walls. Junior pitcher Andrew Levy

threw five innings, allowing just three runs off six hits. He left the score knotted at three and earned a no-decision.

one out and a man on third. Stevenson's Brad Blum lifted a fly ball to left field that was caught by SU's Kyle Hayman, who then launched a throw home to catcher Tyler Bennett. Bennett mishandled the throw, but Levy backed him up, retrieved the ball and made a diving tag on the oncoming runner to complete the double play.

off SU starter Devin Gardner. two-run doubles in the fifth to Bennett's sacrifice fly and Quinn Griffith's RBI single.

Gravdahl said. "I was eager to win, so nothing Also adding to the rally was Brittingham with her long single to centerfield. Senior third baseman Casey Zaino had a line drive to left field that

allowed Brittingham to advance to third base. Junior right fielder Lindsay McCabe then brought oth runners home with a big hit to right field.

The Sea Gulls began the second game with a different pitcher, freshman Rachel Johnson. The Spartans couldn't get past the SU defense in the second inning, when the Sea Gulls caught three of their pop-ups in a row. Hustling forward to

catch the third pop-up was McCabe, calling off the approaching second baseman to make the "We are all very close, so we trust each other," McCabe said. "If I yell for the ball, my team-

mates trust that it belongs to me."

Gravdahl ripped the ball to center. The Sea Gulls maintained the lead and picked up the win in only ball to left field, which was good for a single. Mc-Cabe then executed a slick bunt, and outran the "When I'm at bat I stay calm and confident," play at first base, which also allowed Zaino advanced to second. Junior outfielder Chelsea Brooks then brought both of the players home with her hit to right field. The Spartan's right fielder overthrew the play at third, helping Brooks to earn an inside-the-park-homerun. The

Justin Odendhal photo

Sea Gulls also finished this win early, playing only five innings and again committed no errors. "We practice routine plays as well as strange plays, which prepare our players for the inevitable," said Head Coach Margie Knight. "Our strong hitting and defense wear the other teams

Departing seniors Brittingham and Zaino leave behind a legacy of greatness in the softball program, having amassed a perfect 48-0 record in

The Sea Gulls will host the first round of the CAC tournament on Tuesday, April 17 at 4 p.m. against Hood College.

Men's tennis blow away competition

BY CHRIS FRANKLIN

Although windy and rainy, the unfavorable weather failed to deter the Salisbury University men's tennis team as they took down Hunter College and Wesley University last

"We're definitely getting better as we go. We feel like we're on the right track and we're headed in the right direction," said Head Coach Randy Halfpap. "It was a good,

The first matches of the day were against Hunter, and the Sea Gulls. walked away unbeaten, winning all nine matches in a convincing 9-0 victory. Senior Justin Smith was especially successful, winning his match in a 6-0, 6-0 skunking of his Hunter College opponent, also known as a "double bagel."

"It's always tough in the wind, but son University (12-3, 6-1 CAC) luckily for us we practice in it every Taking control of the game after day," Smith said. Refusing to be upstaged, the rest

the first quarter, the Sea Gulls were of the Sea Gulls performed on an outscored by the Mustangs 9-2 until senior attackman Tony Mendes netequal level, beating Wesley College ted an unassisted goal with 45 secin every match to earn another 9-0 onds left in the third. victory and ensure an undefeated With the momentum shifted onto day. The doubles teams performed SU's side, seniors Ryan Clarke and particularly well, combining for Matt Cannone continued the assault three 8-0 victories and six total wins leading the team back until Mendes Freshman Brandon Danganan tied the game up with three minutes

teamed with sophomore Shane Saving the final goal for dramatic Gunther to win an 8-0 doubles fashion, Clarke took advantage of a match over Wesley, and expressed fast break to feed the ball to a waithis excitement as SU heads towards ing Cannone who ripped a shot to the Capital Athletic Conference and NCAA championships. seal the win.

The Sea Gulls close out CAC regu-"I'm looking for good things and lar season play with a game on our doubles are especially looking Wednesday night against St. Mary's good," Danganan said. College of Maryland at Sea Gull Sta The men play next on Thursday dium. Face-off is at 7 p.m. as they travel to Washington Col-

glad to hear the confidence ex-

pressed by his team. "I think its

great that their thinking that

way...If we don't start thinking

about it now and talking about it

now, (Beating Mary Washington) is

The women return to action on

Thursday when they travel to Wash-

Finding themselves down 9-3 with

minute left in the third quarter, the

No. 1 ranked Salisbury University

men's lacrosse team (15-0, 7-0 CAC)

battled back to defeat Capital Athletic Conference rivals No. 4 Steven-

1-10 on Saturday night.

never going to happen," Halfpap

ington College for a 3 p.m.



lege to face The Shoremen in their

Justin Odendhal photo

Senior Daniel Barnas returns a serve in his men's singles game against Hunter College.

Baseball sweeps Stevenson behind

Senior midfielder Sam Bradman (12) recovers from an illegal hit as senior attackman Kyle Quist (2) calls for the officials

BY MARK ECKARD Staff Writer

the first contest.

BY MARIAH BAUGHAN

celebrated its annual Senior Day.

On April 14, the final day of the regular season,

the Salisbury University women's softball team

squad, did not disappoint, defeating the York

College Spartans twice with scores of 8-0 and 9-

of 31-5 and 12-0 in the Capital Athletic Confer-

Senior pitcher Erika Brittingham, responsible

for 16 of the team's wins this season, began the

doubleheader and intimidated the Spartans with

her powerful pitching. SU then scored three runs

in the bottom of the first to control the pace of

Then, in the fifth inning, the Sea Gulls added

four more runs to the scoreboard for a com-

manding 7-0 lead. Junior outfielder Sarah Al-

paugh began the rally on a double to left field.

Alpaugh advanced home when junior Michelle

1. The Sea Gulls finished its season with a record

The seniors, as well as the rest of the Sea Gull

Staff Writer

Salisbury University's baseball team took on Stevenson University this weekend in a three-game series to wrap up conference play before the Capital Athletic Conference

Tournament next week. "Like I told our players, it is 36 people who win here," said Head Coach Doug Fleetwood. "Nick Walls and Hank Adams both had big hits for us coming off the bench in key situations and that was

On Friday, SU picked up a 5-3 win when Jeff Hoffman, still with no losses, earned his sixth victory while Stephen Miller picked up his

Bill Root's RBI single to plate Johnny Schiotis in the bottom of

The play of the series came with

In Saturday's first contest, the Sea

Gulls used doubles from Joey Jones and Chris Connor in the bottom of the first to knot the score at two after the Mustangs had plated two Connor and Walls each contributed stake out to a 5-4 lead. In the sixth, the Gulls got two added runs on

Freshman Dan Fein, who came out of the bullpen to record a crucial out in the fifth, earned the win. Junior Danny Druzgala worked his

portant for us," Fleetwood said. "If you pitch well and play solid defense behind, you have a chance." For the last game, the Mustangs used designated hitter Tony Prescott's three-run homer in the top of the first inning off starter Brett Collacchi to take a quick three-run lead.

"After that home run, Collacchi settled down and kept us in the game," Fleetwood said.

SU used a wild bottom of the seventh to plate three and walk away victorious on a wild pitch after coming into the inning down two runs. Pinch hitter Hank Adams hit a looping double off reliever Pat Quinn down the left field line to tie the ballgame at 3-3, which led up to

SPORTS

right and didn't make any mistakes

"We communicated well and

Poppe addressed the women's

to Conference finals on the 26th

and beat Mary Washington," Iosue

was not as discreet about her plans;

goals for the upcoming CAC cham-

pionships in saying, "We want to go

worked hard like we do in practice,"

rain," Iosue said.

Babo said.

"It's our year."

so that we could get out before the

Women's tennis tops Wesley; looks toward CACs

Roughed-up Gulls escape Mustangs

proached the match, but SU was

able to perform well despite the

conditions. Freshman Sam Babo

and Juniors Jillian Poppe and Elaina

Iosue all won their matches 6-0, 6-0

After such a convincing victory,

spirits were high among the team as

"We made sure we did everything

well as the spectators that turned

after Poppe and Iosue won a con-

vincing 8-0 doubles match.

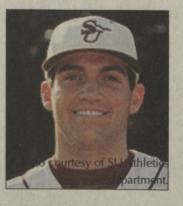
out for the team's matches.

the finish. Offensively, designated hitter Chris Connor paced the Gulls in the series, going five for eight with four doubles, five RBI's and three walks. Jones had four hits and four runs in the series as well.

The momentum gained from the series sweep will carry the team into the CAC Tournament match-up with St. Mary's College at 3:30 pm at the SU Baseball Field.

Athlete Spotlight

Andrew



BY CHRISTIAN FAZZINI Staff Writer

Junior pitcher Andrew Levy has been taking the mound for the Sea Gulls since his freshman year in 2009, but so far this season has been his best.

Posting a record of 5-1, with an earned run average of 2.60 and team high 37 strikeouts, levy is making his presence felt on the third-ranked team in the nation.

Why did you come to Salisbury University?

"I played at North Carroll High School and was recruited to pitch here. I fell in love with the school on a visit and decided right then that this was the place for me. I think it was a combination of enjoying the campus, their excellent accounting program and winning

baseball program." How would you say your individual season is going

"The season has been going great, flying by. There are always things you can improve on so every time out there is a learning experience, something to build off of. Mental toughness and confidence are most important for pitcher to have. Intense focus is required on every pitch."

Did you do anything different in the off-season that has brought you so much success?

"I added more long toss to the off-season program and more lower body and core workouts in order to build the strength and endurance necessary to be at my best later in the season."

What pitches do you throw and what would you say is your go to

"I throw a fastball, cutter, changeup and curveball. Any pitcher would say fastball is the go to, and the cutter seems to be the out pitch this year."

How is your team going right now? You guy see yourselves at another College World Series?

"The team is playing great. I think we are ranked 3rd in the nation right now and in a good position to win the Capital Athletic Conference Championship, make a run at Regionals and take another trip to the World Series."

answers on back page puzzle from http://www.puzzles.ca Tuesday - 4/17

*Softball CAC First Round TBA

Baseball vs. St. Mary's (Md) at

3:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 4/18

*Women's Lacrosse vs. Wesley at 4

*Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's (Md.)

at 7 p.m.

Thursday - 4/19

*Softball CAC TOURNAMENT

TBA *Men's & Women's Tennis @

Washington College at 3 p.m.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday - 4/20

*Baseball CAC TOURNAMENT

Saturday - 4/21

*Track & Field vs. New Captains Classic @ Newport News, Va. at 9

*Women's Tennic CAC FIRST ROUND TBA

*Baseball CAC FIRST ROUND

TBA *Softball CAC FIRST ROUND

TBA *Women's Lacrosse CAC FIRST

*Men's Lacrosse vs. WAshington College at 1 p.m.

*Men's Tennis @ Johns Hopkins at 2 p.m.

Sunday - 4/22

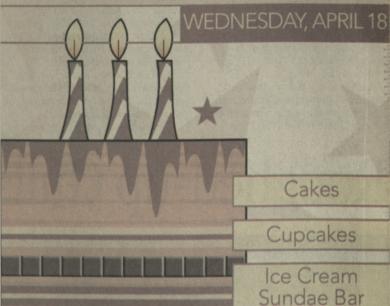
*Men's Tennis CAC FIRST ROUND TBA *Baseball CAC FIRST ROUND

TBA *Softball CAC FIRST ROUND TBA

*Men's Lacrosse CAC FIRST ROUND TBA

Monday - 4/23

*Women's Tennis CAC SEMIFINALS TBA



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